

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF ST. JOSEPH)

IN THE ST. JOSEPH CIRCUIT COURT

AVC NO. 02-002

IN RE: LOUIE SEAGO & SONS, INC.,

) 7/01-0201-MI-00007
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Respondent.

**St. Joseph Circuit Court
Clerk**

ASSURANCE OF VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

The State of Indiana, by Attorney General Steve Carter and by Deputy Attorney General Roger D. Smith, and the Respondent, Louie Seago & Sons, Inc., enter into an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance (Assurance), pursuant to Indiana Code §24-5-0.5-7.

Any violation of the terms of this Assurance constitutes prima facie evidence of a deceptive act. This Assurance shall not be considered an admission by Respondent of a deceptive act, and is entered into without any adjudication of any issue of fact or law, and upon consent of the parties.

The parties agree:

1. Respondent, Louie Seago & Sons, Inc., is an Indiana corporation engaged in home improvement work, with a principal place of business at 2506 South Michigan Street, South Bend, Indiana, 46614, and transacts business with Indiana consumers.

2. The terms of this Assurance apply to and are binding upon Respondent, its employees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns.

3. Respondent acknowledges the jurisdiction of the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General to investigate matters hereinafter described, pursuant to the authority of Ind. Code §4-6-9-4 and Ind. Code §24-5-0.5-1 et seq.

4. Respondent agrees, pursuant to Ind. Code §24-5-11-10, in every home improvement transaction to provide a completed home improvement contract to the consumer before it is signed by the consumer. Respondent agrees that the contract must contain at a minimum the following:

- (a) The name of the consumer and the address of the residential property that is the subject of the home improvement;
- (b) The name and address of the home improvement supplier and each of the telephone numbers and names of any agent to whom consumer problems and inquiries can be directed;
- (c) The date the home improvement contract was submitted to the consumer and any time limitation on the consumer's acceptance of the home improvement contract;
- (d) A reasonably detailed description of the proposed home improvements;
- (e) If the description required by Indiana Code §24-5-11-10(a)(4) does not include the specifications for the home improvement, a statement that the specifications will be provided to the consumer before commencing any work and that the home improvement contract is subject to the consumer's separate written and dated approval of the specifications;
- (f) The approximate starting and completion dates of the home improvements;
- (g) A statement of any contingencies that would materially change the approximate completion date;
- (h) The home improvement contract price; and
- (i) Signature lines for the home improvement supplier or the supplier's agent and for each consumer who is to be a party to the home improvement contract with a legible printed or a typed version of that person's name placed directly after or below the signature.

5. Respondent agrees, pursuant to Ind. Code §24-5-11-11, that before the consumer signs the home improvement contract and before the consumer can be required to make a down payment, the Respondent must have agreed unequivocally by written signature to all of the terms of the home improvement contract.

6. Respondent agrees, pursuant to Ind. Code §24-5-11-12, that Respondent shall give a fully executed copy of the home improvement contract to the consumer immediately after the consumer signs it. The contract must also show the dates the Respondent and each consumer executed the contract.

7. Respondent, in soliciting and/or contracting with consumers, agrees to refrain from conducting any business activity in the State of Indiana unless those activities are in full compliance with the Home Improvement Contracts Act, Ind. Code §24-5-11-1 et seq.

8. Respondent agrees to refrain from conducting any home improvements until it has first obtained all necessary licenses and permits required by law.

9. Respondent, in soliciting and/or contracting with consumers, agrees to fully comply with the Deceptive Consumer Sales Act, Ind. Code §24-5-0.5-1 et seq.

10. Respondent shall not represent that the Office of the Attorney General approves or endorses Respondent's past or future business practices, or that execution of this Assurance constitutes such approval or endorsement.

11. Respondent shall fully cooperate with the Office of the Attorney General in the resolution of any future written complaints the Consumer Protection Division receives.

12. The Office of the Attorney General shall file this Assurance with the Circuit Court of St. Joseph County. The Court's approval of this Assurance shall not act as a bar to any private right of action.

DATED this 16th day of JANUARY, 2002.

STATE OF INDIANA

RESPONDENT

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APPROVED this 28 day of January, 2002.

Terry A. Boone
Judge, St. Joseph County Circuit Court